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Moratorium on the use of the death penalty

Before operative paragraph 1, insert a new operative paragraph, reading:

Reaffirms the sovereign right of all countries to develop their own legal systems, including determining appropriate legal penalties, in accordance with their international law obligations;

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Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

Situation of human rights in Myanmar

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue to provide his good offices and to pursue his discussions relating to Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer assistance to the Government of Myanmar;

(b) To extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar and submit the report of the Special Envoy covering all relevant issues addressed in the present resolution to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session;

(c) To provide all assistance necessary to enable the Special Envoy to effectively discharge her mandate and to brief Member States every six months, or as otherwise requested or as warranted by the situation on the ground;

(d) To identify ways in which the existing mandates can more effectively deliver in their respective areas of responsibility and can complement each other's work through enhanced coordination;

(e) To call the continued attention of the Security Council to the situation in Myanmar with concrete recommendations for action towards resolving the humanitarian crisis, promoting the safe, dignified, voluntary and sustainable return of Rohingya refugees and forcibly displaced persons and ensuring accountability for those responsible for human rights violations.

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2. Under the terms of paragraphs 19 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the General Assembly would request that the Special Envoy participate by way of interactive dialogue in the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly.

II. Relationship of the requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

3. The activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to subprogramme 1, Prevention, management and resolution of conflicts, of programme 2, Political affairs, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (see A/71/6/Rev.1), and section 3, Political affairs of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 3)).

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, the Secretary-General would extend the appointment of the Special Envoy on Myanmar. The Special Envoy would carry out work relating to the good offices of the Secretary-General. Accordingly, the Office of the Special Envoy is assumed to be a special political mission under thematic special and personal envoys, advisers and representatives of the Secretary-General.

5. The Special Envoy on Myanmar would continue to function on a when-actually-employed basis and supported by a small team, based in Nay Pyi Taw and at Headquarters in New York.

6. The Office of the Special Envoy would continue to work with a wide range of actors, including the Government of Myanmar, to provide the good offices of the Secretary-General and encourage progress in the democratic transition and accountability of Myanmar. In particular, the Office would continue to work on promoting social cohesion and resolving the situation of the Rohingya community in Myanmar. In this context, in line with the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State, the Special Envoy would undertake efforts so that there is a definite advancement towards the attainment of political, social and economic rights of the Rohingya community. The Special Envoy would continue to support and advocate the scaling-up of development projects in Rakhine, one of the poorest states in Myanmar.

7. To improve the conditions of the members of the Rohingya community living in Bangladesh and Myanmar, the Office of the Special Envoy would work with officials and all actors within and outside Myanmar to allow unfettered access to humanitarian support and to ensure the safe, voluntary, dignified and sustainable return of the refugees to their areas of origin. In addition, the Special Envoy would support the efforts of the international community to provide continued political and financial support to the management of the multidimensional crisis by Bangladesh. In this regard, the Special Envoy would work for the effective implementation of the memorandum of understanding reached by the Government of Myanmar, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United Nations Development Programme on United Nations system support for creating the conditions for the voluntary, safe and sustainable return of refugees from Bangladesh and their reintegration into Rakhine State.

8. With regard to national reconciliation, the Office of the Special Envoy would continue to support efforts that would advance the peace process and lead to greater

inclusivity. The Special Envoy would aim to lead the efforts of the United Nations system so that national stakeholders and mechanisms are able to engage with various arms of the United Nations with the resources and tools available to support national reconciliation efforts.

9. In order to ensure close coordination with key stakeholders in Myanmar, the Office of the Special Envoy will be located in Nay Pyi Taw. In addition, in carrying out its mandate, the Office would work in partnership with a wide range of actors, both within the United Nations system and external partners. The Special Envoy would also work closely with the United Nations country team in Myanmar in a range of activities that may relate to his/her mandate. The Special Envoy would also maintain regular and close contact with interested Members States, including those of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. The presence of the Office in Nay Pyi Taw will also facilitate regular interaction with regional organizations and bilateral contacts with Member States.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

10. The estimated costs of continuing the provision of the good offices of the Secretary-General and of pursuing his discussions on human rights, democracy and reconciliation in Myanmar, involving all relevant stakeholders, and to offer technical assistance through his Special Envoy on Myanmar, as requested in paragraphs 18 (a) and (b) of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, for a one-year period, from 1 January to 31 December 2019, amount to $1,232,300, net of staff assessment.

11. These resources would cover the salaries of the Special Envoy (Under-Secretary-General), a Head of Office (D-1), two Political Affairs Officers (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) and one Assistant (Local level), as well as other operational requirements. Other substantive support would be provided to the Special Envoy by the Department of Political Affairs, and other administrative support would be provided by the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

12. The above requirements have been included in the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/73/352/Add.1).

V. Summary

13. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.51, resource requirements amounting to $1,232,300 net of staff assessment would be required for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019 for the continuation of the Office of the Special Envoy on Myanmar.**

14. **Approval for these requirements is being sought in the context of the report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/73/352/Add.1), which is currently before the Assembly.**

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Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions

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Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the activities of his Office[1] and the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its sixty-ninth session[2] and the decisions contained therein,

Recalling its previous annual resolutions on the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees since its establishment by the General Assembly,

Expressing deep concern that the number of people who are forcibly displaced owing to, inter alia, conflict, persecution and violence, including terrorism, has reached the highest level since the Second World War,

Noting with grave concern that, despite the tremendous generosity of host countries and donors, including unprecedented levels of humanitarian funding, the gap between needs and humanitarian funding continues to grow,

Recognizing that forced displacement has, inter alia, humanitarian and development implications,

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-third Session, Supplement No. 12* (A/73/12).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 12A* (A/73/12/Add.1).

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Expressing its appreciation for the leadership shown by the High Commissioner, and commending the staff of his Office and its partners for the competent, courageous and dedicated manner in which they discharge their responsibilities,

Underlining its strong condemnation of all forms of violence to which humanitarian personnel and United Nations and associated personnel are increasingly exposed,

Reaffirming the need for consistency with international law, including international refugee law, and relevant General Assembly resolutions that may concern the work of the Office of the High Commissioner, and taking into account national policies, priorities and realities,

Recalling its resolution 46/182 of 19 December 1991 on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations and all subsequent General Assembly resolutions on the subject, including resolution 72/133 of 11 December 2017,

1. *Welcomes* the important work undertaken by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and its Executive Committee in the course of the year, which is aimed at strengthening the international protection regime and at assisting Governments in meeting their protection responsibilities, and underlines the significance of durable solutions, the securing of which is one of the principal goals of international protection;

2. *Endorses* the report of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on the work of its sixty-ninth session;[2]

3. *Recognizes* the relevance of the Executive Committee's practice of adopting conclusions, and encourages the Executive Committee to continue this process;

4. *Recalls* the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants[3] and the two annexes thereto at the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, on 19 September 2016, and encourages States to implement their commitments made therein;

5. *Notes* the significant global and regional initiatives, conferences and summits undertaken in 2018 to strengthen international solidarity with and cooperation for refugees and other persons of concern, and encourages those who participated to implement their commitments made therein;

6. *Reaffirms* the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees[4] and the 1967 Protocol thereto[5] as the foundation of the international refugee protection regime, recognizes the importance of their full and effective application by States parties and the values they embody, notes with satisfaction that 149 States are now parties to one or both instruments, encourages States not parties to consider acceding to those instruments and States parties with reservations to give consideration to withdrawing them, underlines, in particular, the importance of full respect for the principle of non-refoulement, and recognizes that a number of States not parties to the international refugee instruments have shown a generous approach to hosting refugees;

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[3] Resolution 71/1.

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 189, No. 2545.

[5] Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

7. *Urges* States that are parties to the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto to respect their obligations in letter and spirit;

8. *Re-emphasizes* that the protection of refugees is primarily the responsibility of States, whose full and effective cooperation, action and political resolve are required to enable the Office of the High Commissioner to fulfil its mandated functions, and strongly emphasizes the importance of active international solidarity and burden- and responsibility-sharing;

9. *Welcomes* recent accessions to the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons[6] and the 1961 Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness,[7] notes that 91 States are now parties to the 1954 Convention and 73 States are parties to the 1961 Convention, encourages States that have not done so to give consideration to acceding to those instruments, notes the work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with regard to identifying stateless persons, preventing and reducing statelessness and protecting stateless persons, and urges the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to work in this area in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and Executive Committee conclusions;

10. *Re-emphasizes* that prevention and reduction of statelessness are primarily the responsibility of States, in appropriate cooperation with the international community, in this regard welcomes the global campaign to end statelessness within a decade, including its high-level meeting on statelessness to take place in 2019, and encourages all States to consider actions they may take to further the prevention and reduction of statelessness, and welcomes efforts that have been made by States in this regard;

11. *Also re-emphasizes* that protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons are primarily the responsibility of States, in appropriate cooperation with the international community, aimed at, inter alia, facilitating voluntary, safe and dignified return, integration or relocation in their own country;

12. *Notes* the current activities of the Office of the High Commissioner related to protection of and assistance to internally displaced persons, including in the context of inter-agency arrangements in this field, emphasizes that such activities should be carried out with the full consent of the affected States, consistent with relevant General Assembly resolutions, and should not undermine the refugee mandate of the Office and the institution of asylum, and encourages the High Commissioner to continue his dialogue with States on the role of his Office in this regard;

13. *Encourages* the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to respond adequately to emergencies, in accordance with its mandate and in cooperation with States, notes the measures taken by the Office to strengthen its capacity to respond to emergencies, and encourages the Office to pursue its efforts to further strengthen its emergency capacity and thereby ensure a more predictable, effective and timely response;

14. *Also encourages* the Office of the High Commissioner to work in partnership and in full cooperation with relevant national authorities, United Nations offices and agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations, the private sector and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the continued development of humanitarian response capacities at all levels, and recalls the role of the Office as the leading entity of the clusters for protection, camp coordination and management and emergency shelter in complex emergencies;

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[6] Ibid., vol. 360, No. 5158.

[7] Ibid., vol. 989, No. 14458.

15. *Further encourages* the Office of the High Commissioner, among other relevant United Nations and other relevant intergovernmental organizations and humanitarian and development actors, to continue to work with the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enhance the coordination, effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian response and to contribute, in consultation with States, as appropriate, to making further progress towards common humanitarian needs assessments, as stated, among other important issues, in General Assembly resolution 72/133 on the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

16. *Welcomes* the recent efforts by the Office of the High Commissioner to ensure a more inclusive, transparent, predictable and well-coordinated response to refugees as well as internally displaced persons and other persons of concern, consistent with its mandate, and in this regard takes note of the implementation of the refugee coordination model;

17. *Underlines* the centrality of international cooperation to the refugee protection regime, recognizes the burden that large movements of refugees place on major and long-standing refugee-hosting countries and their host communities, as well as their national resources, especially in the case of developing countries, and calls for a more equitable sharing of the burden and responsibility for hosting and supporting the world's refugees, addressing the needs of refugees and hosting States, while taking account of existing contributions and the differing capacities and resources among States, and in the context of the global compact on refugees, emphasizes the need for robust, well-functioning, concrete arrangements and potential, complementary mechanisms for ensuring predictable, equitable, efficient and effective burden- and responsibility-sharing;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the elements set out in the comprehensive refugee response framework contained in annex I to the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, and recalls the request to the Office of the High Commissioner to develop and initiate a comprehensive refugee response based on the principles of international cooperation and on burden- and responsibility-sharing, in close coordination with relevant States, including host countries, and involving other relevant United Nations entities as laid out in annex I to the New York Declaration;

19. *Notes with appreciation* the efforts made by the increased number of countries applying the comprehensive refugee response framework, including through regional approaches, where applicable, such as the comprehensive regional protection and solutions framework (MIRPS) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development regional approach, which contributed to the development of the global compact on refugees;

20. *While recognizing* contributions already made, renews its call upon all States and other relevant stakeholders to provide the necessary support for the application of the comprehensive refugee response framework with a view to sharing the burden and responsibilities for hosting and supporting refugees, and underscores the critical importance of additional development support over and above regular development assistance for host countries and countries of origin;

21. *Invites* the High Commissioner to continue coordinating the effort to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees, with a view to assessing gaps in international cooperation and promoting burden- and responsibility-sharing that is more equitable, predictable and sustainable, and to report on the results to Member States in 2019;

22. *Commends* the Office of the High Commissioner for the comprehensive and transparent process of engagement and consultation undertaken to develop the

global compact on refugees, involving all United Nations Member States and other relevant stakeholders, as requested of the High Commissioner by the General Assembly;

23. *Affirms* the global compact on refugees, as presented by the High Commissioner for Refugees in part II of the annual report on the activities of his Office submitted to the seventy-third session of the General Assembly,[1] and underscores its importance as a representation of political will and ambition of the international community to operationalize the principle of burden- and responsibility-sharing, to mobilize the international community as a whole, and galvanize action for an improved response to refugee situations;

24. *In view of* the need to urgently achieve strengthened burden- and responsibility-sharing, and reiterating its commitment to reach this end, calls upon the international community as a whole, including States and other relevant stakeholders, to implement the global compact on refugees, in order to achieve its four objectives on an equal footing, in accordance with the guiding principles and paragraph 4 of the global compact on refugees, through concrete actions, pledges and contributions, including at the first Global Refugee Forum, underlining the centrality of international cooperation to the refugee protection regime, and requests the High Commissioner to report regularly on the progress being made;

25. *Calls upon* States and other stakeholders that have not yet contributed to burden- and responsibility-sharing to do so, with a view to broadening the support base, in a spirit of international solidarity and cooperation;

26. *Encourages* the Office of the High Commissioner to engage in and implement in full the objectives of the "Delivering as one" initiative;

27. *Notes with appreciation* the measures taken and efficiencies gained in the process of structural and management change to reinforce the capacity of the Office of the High Commissioner, and encourages the Office to focus on continuous improvement, consistent with recent relevant initiatives and the change management process of the Office, in order to enable a more efficient response to the needs of persons of concern, including identifying unmet needs, and to ensure the effective and transparent use of its resources;

28. *Welcomes* the commitment and efforts of the Office of the High Commissioner to prevent, mitigate and respond to sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment, fraud, corruption and other forms of misconduct, and encourages the Office to sustain action with a view to strengthening and enforcing the zero-tolerance approach within the Office;

29. *Expresses deep concern* about the increasing threats to the safety and security of humanitarian aid workers and convoys and, in particular, the loss of life of humanitarian personnel working in the most difficult and challenging conditions in order to assist those in need;

30. *Emphasizes* the need for States to ensure that perpetrators of attacks committed on their territory against humanitarian personnel and United Nations and associated personnel do not operate with impunity and that the perpetrators of such acts are promptly brought to justice as provided for by national laws and obligations under international law;

31. *Strongly condemns* attacks on refugees, asylum seekers, stateless persons and internally displaced persons and acts that pose a threat to their personal security and well-being, calls upon all States concerned and, where applicable, parties involved in an armed conflict to take all measures necessary to respect and ensure

respect for human rights and international humanitarian law, and urges all States to fight racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, related intolerance and hate speech;

32. *Deplores* the refoulement and unlawful expulsion of refugees and asylum seekers, and calls upon all States concerned to respect the relevant principles of refugee protection and human rights;

33. *Urges* States to uphold the civilian and humanitarian character of refugee camps and settlements, inter alia, through effective measures to prevent the infiltration of armed elements, to identify and separate any such armed elements from refugee populations, to settle refugees in secure locations and to afford to the Office of the High Commissioner and, where appropriate, other humanitarian organizations prompt, unhindered and safe access to asylum seekers, refugees and other persons of concern;

34. *Notes with increasing concern* that asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons are subject to arbitrary detention in numerous situations and encourages working towards the ending of this practice, welcomes the increasing use of alternatives to detention, especially in the case of children, and emphasizes the need for States to limit detention of asylum seekers, refugees and stateless persons to that which is necessary, giving full consideration to possible alternatives;

35. *Notes with grave concern* the significant risks to which many refugees and asylum seekers are exposed as they attempt to reach safety, and encourages international cooperation to ensure adequate response mechanisms, including life-saving measures, reception, registration and assistance, as well as to ensure that safe and regular access to asylum for persons in need of international protection remains open and accessible;

36. *Expresses grave concern* at the large number of asylum seekers who have lost their lives at sea trying to reach safety, encourages international cooperation to further strengthen search and rescue mechanisms in accordance with international law, and commends the great life-saving efforts and actions taken by a number of States in this regard;

37. *Emphasizes* that the international protection of refugees is a dynamic and action-oriented function that is at the core of the mandate of the Office of the High Commissioner and that it includes, in cooperation with States and other partners, the promotion and facilitation of the admission, reception and treatment of refugees in accordance with internationally agreed standards and the ensuring of durable, protection-oriented solutions, bearing in mind the particular needs of vulnerable groups and paying special attention to those with specific needs, and notes in this context that the delivery of international protection is a staff-intensive service that requires adequate staff with the appropriate expertise, especially at the field level;

38. *Expresses grave concern* about the long-term impact of continued cuts in food rations on the health and well-being of refugees globally, particularly in Africa and the Middle East, and especially its impact on children, owing to insufficient funding and increased costs, and in this regard calls upon States to ensure sustained support for the Office of the High Commissioner and the World Food Programme, while looking to provide refugees with alternatives to food assistance, pending a durable solution;

39. *Welcomes* the positive steps taken by individual States to open their labour markets to refugees;

40. *Affirms* the importance of age, gender and diversity mainstreaming in analysing protection needs and ensuring the participation of refugees and other persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner, as appropriate, in the

planning and implementation of programmes of the Office and of State policies, also affirms the importance of according priority to addressing discrimination, gender inequality and the problem of sexual and gender-based violence, recognizing the importance of addressing the protection needs of women, children and persons with disabilities in particular, and underlines the importance of continuing to work on those issues;

41. *Encourages* States to put in place, if they have not yet done so, appropriate systems and procedures to ensure that the best interests of the child are a primary consideration with regard to all actions concerning refugee children;

42. *Notes with concern* that a large proportion of the world's out-of-school population lives in conflict-affected areas, and calls upon States to meet their commitments in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, to lend support to host countries in providing quality primary and secondary education in safe learning environments for all refugee children, and to do so within a few months of the initial displacement, as well as the commitments in the Incheon Declaration: Education 2030: Towards inclusive and equitable quality education and lifelong learning for all to develop more inclusive, responsive and resilient education systems to meet the needs of children, youth and adults in these contexts, including internally displaced persons and refugees;

43. *Notes* the efforts by the Office of the High Commissioner to improve its humanitarian assistance response, and stresses the importance of tailored, innovative approaches, including cash-based interventions;

44. *Also notes* that the lack of civil registration and related documentation makes persons vulnerable to statelessness and associated protection risks, recognizes that birth registration provides an official record of a child's legal identity and is crucial to preventing and reducing statelessness, and welcomes efforts by States to ensure the birth registration of children;

45. *Strongly reaffirms* the fundamental importance and the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the function of the Office of the High Commissioner of providing international protection to refugees and seeking durable solutions to refugee situations, and recalls that those solutions include voluntary repatriation and, where appropriate and feasible, local integration and resettlement in a third country, while reaffirming that voluntary repatriation, supported, as necessary, by rehabilitation and development assistance to facilitate sustainable reintegration, remains the preferred solution;

46. *Expresses concern* about the particular difficulties faced by the millions of refugees in protracted situations, recognizes with deep concern that the average length of stay has continued to grow, and emphasizes the need to redouble international efforts and cooperation to find practical and comprehensive approaches to resolving their plight and to realize durable solutions for them, consistent with international law and relevant General Assembly resolutions;

47. *Recognizes* the importance of achieving durable solutions to refugee situations and, in particular, the need to address in this process the root causes of refugee movements;

48. *Encourages* further efforts by the Office of the High Commissioner, in cooperation with countries hosting refugees and countries of origin, including their respective local communities, relevant United Nations agencies, international and intergovernmental organizations, regional organizations, as appropriate, non-governmental organizations and development actors, to actively promote durable solutions, particularly in protracted refugee situations, with a focus on sustainable, timely, voluntary, safe and dignified return, which encompasses repatriation,

reintegration, rehabilitation and reconstruction activities, and encourages States and other relevant actors to continue to support these efforts through, inter alia, the allocation of funds;

49. *Recalls* the purely humanitarian and non-political character of the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees, calls up on the international community and the Office to exert further efforts to promote and facilitate whenever the prevailing circumstances are deemed appropriate, the safe, dignified and voluntary repatriation of refugees, through their free and informed choice, in a sustainable manner, to their countries of origin, and encourages the Office and where appropriate, other United Nations agencies, to mobilize further resources in this regard;

50. *Expresses concern* about the current low level of voluntary repatriation, encourages the solution-oriented approach pursued by the Office of the High Commissioner to support the sustainability of voluntary repatriation and reintegration, including from the onset of displacement, and in this regard urges the Office to further strengthen partnerships with national Governments and development actors, as well as international financial institutions;

51. *Recognizes*, in the context of voluntary repatriation, the importance of resolute efforts in the country of origin, including rehabilitation and development assistance, to foster the voluntary, safe and dignified return and sustainable reintegration of refugees and to ensure the restoration of national protection;

52. *Acknowledges with appreciation* voluntary action taken by several host countries to enable permanent residence and naturalization for refugees and former refugees;

53. *Calls upon* States to create opportunities for resettlement as a durable solution and as an indispensable tool for burden- and responsibility-sharing, acknowledges with appreciation the many countries that continue to offer enhanced resettlement opportunities and recognizes the need to further increase the number of resettlement places and the number of countries with regular resettlement programmes and to improve the integration of resettled refugees, calls upon States to ensure inclusive and non-discriminatory policies in their resettlement programmes, and notes that resettlement is a strategic protection tool and solution for refugees, recalling in this regard the annual resettlement needs identified by the Office of the High Commissioner;

54. *Also calls upon* States to consider creating, expanding or facilitating access to complementary and sustainable pathways to protection and solutions for refugees, in cooperation with relevant partners, including the private sector, where appropriate, including through humanitarian admission or transfer, family reunification, skilled migration, labour mobility schemes, scholarships and education mobility schemes;

55. *Notes with appreciation* the activities undertaken by States to strengthen the regional initiatives that facilitate cooperative policies and approaches on refugees, and encourages States to continue their efforts to address, in a comprehensive manner, the needs of the people who require international protection in their respective regions, including the support provided for host communities that receive large numbers of persons who require international protection;

56. *Notes* the importance of States and the Office of the High Commissioner discussing and clarifying the role of the Office in mixed migratory flows in order to better address protection needs in the context of mixed migratory flows, bearing in mind the particular needs of vulnerable groups, especially women, children and persons with disabilities, including by safeguarding access to asylum for those in need of international protection, and also notes the readiness of the High Commissioner,

consistent with his mandate, to assist States in fulfilling their protection responsibilities in this regard;

57. *Emphasizes* the obligation of all States to accept the return of their nationals, calls upon States to facilitate the return of their nationals who have been determined not to be in need of international protection, and affirms the need for the return of persons to be undertaken in a safe and humane manner and with full respect for their human rights and dignity, irrespective of the status of the persons concerned;

58. *Calls upon* States to process asylum applications by duly identifying those in need of international protection, in accordance with their applicable international and regional obligations, so as to strengthen the refugee protection regime;

59. *Expresses concern* about the challenges associated with climate change and environmental degradation to the operations of the Office of the High Commissioner and the assistance it provides to vulnerable populations of concern across the globe, particularly in the least developed countries, and urges the Office to continue to address such challenges in its work, within its mandate, and in consultation with national authorities and in cooperation with competent agencies in its operations;

60. *Urges* all States and relevant non-governmental and other organizations, in conjunction with the Office of the High Commissioner, in a spirit of international solidarity and burden- and responsibility-sharing, to cooperate and to mobilize resources, including through financial and in-kind assistance, as well as direct aid to host countries, refugee populations and the communities hosting them, with a view to enhancing the capacity of and reducing the heavy burden borne by countries and communities hosting refugees, in particular those that have received large numbers of refugees and asylum seekers, and whose generosity is appreciated;

61. *Calls upon* the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to play its catalytic role in mobilizing assistance from the international community to address the root causes as well as the economic, environmental, development, security and social impact of large-scale refugee populations in developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and countries with economies in transition, and notes with appreciation those host countries, donor States, organizations and individuals that contribute to improving the condition of refugees through building the resilience of refugees and their host communities, while working towards a durable solution;

62. *Acknowledges with appreciation* the cooperation of the Office of the High Commissioner with development partners, noting the advantages of complementarity of funding sources to support refugees and host communities as requested by host Governments, and the importance of doing so in a manner that does not negatively impact or reduce support for broader development objectives in host countries and, where appropriate, countries of origin;

63. *Expresses concern* that the needs required to protect and assist persons of concern to the Office of the High Commissioner continue to increase and that the gap between global needs and available resources continues to grow, appreciates the continued and increasing hospitality of host countries and generosity of donors, and therefore calls upon the Office to continue and enhance efforts to broaden its donor base so as to achieve greater burden- and responsibility-sharing by reinforcing cooperation with governmental donors, non-governmental donors and the private sector;

64. *Recognizes* that adequate and timely resources are essential for the Office of the High Commissioner to continue to fulfil the mandate conferred upon it through

its statute[8] and by subsequent General Assembly resolutions on refugees and other persons of concern, recalls its resolution 58/153 of 22 December 2003 and subsequent resolutions on the Office of the High Commissioner concerning, inter alia, the implementation of paragraph 20 of the statute of the Office, and urges Governments and other donors to respond promptly to annual and supplementary appeals issued by the Office for requirements under its programmes;

65. *Requests* the High Commissioner to report on his annual activities to the General Assembly at its seventy-fourth session.

[8] Resolution 428 (V), annex.

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Rights of the child

In operative paragraph 53, delete the words "and calls upon the international community to hold those responsible for violations accountable, inter alia, through the International Criminal Court".

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Delete the fifteenth preambular paragraph.

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Delete operative paragraph 13.

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Situation of human rights in the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and the city of Sevastopol, Ukraine

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 14 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to report to the Assembly at its seventy-fourth session on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution, including options and recommendations to improve its implementation.

II. Relationship of the proposed request to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The requested activity referred to in the draft resolution relates to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 20, Human rights, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2018–2019 (A/71/6/Rev.1).

3. It also relates to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (A/72/6 (Sect. 2) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24) and A/72/6 (Sect. 24)/Corr.1, respectively).

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III. Activities by which the proposed request would be implemented

4. With regard to the implementation of operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the following resources would be required under section 24, Human rights:

(a) General temporary assistance at the P-3 level for six months in 2019, to gather and analyse the information collected under the applicable legal framework and the mandate of the resolution, develop relevant options and recommendations and prepare the report;

(b) Travel of the head of the human rights monitoring mission in Ukraine to New York to present the report.

5. Furthermore, it is envisaged that the request for documentation contained in operative paragraph 14 would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of one pre-session document of 8,500 words, to be issued in the six official languages of the United Nations in 2019. The requirements for documentation services are estimated in the amount of $26,000 in 2019, which would be absorbed within the approved appropriation for section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

IV. Financial implications of the proposal

6. To implement the request contained in operative paragraph 14, additional one-time requirements in the amount of $79,200 would be required under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 (see table).

Resource requirements

(United States dollars)

	Total resource requirements	*To be absorbed*	*Additional requirements*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Pre-session documentation	26 000	26 000	–
Subtotal, section 2	**26 000**	**26 000**	**–**
Section 24, Human rights			
Other staff costs	74 500	–	74 500
Travel	4 700	–	4 700
Subtotal, section 24	**79 200**	**–**	**79 200**
Total	**105 200**	**26 000**	**79 200**

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

7. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 for the implementation of the activity requested under operative paragraph 14. As reflected in paragraph 5 above, an amount of $26,000 would be absorbed within the approved appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 for

section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management. With regard to the balance of the requirements, it is not possible at present to identify activities within section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resources in the amount of $79,200 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

VI. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

9. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.48, additional resource requirements in the amount of $79,200 would arise under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. That amount would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly

Tentative programme of work of the Third Committee for the seventy-fourth session of the General Assembly, submitted by the Chair of the Committee

Item 1. Social development:

(a) Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

(b) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family.

Item 2. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

Item 3. International drug control.

Item 4. Advancement of women.

Item 5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children:

(a) Promotion and protection of the rights of children;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

Item 6. Rights of indigenous peoples:

(a) Rights of indigenous peoples;

(b) Follow-up to the outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples.

Item 7. Promotion and protection of human rights:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

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(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 8. Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance:

(a) Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

Item 9. Right of peoples to self-determination.

Item 10. Report of the Human Rights Council.

Item 11. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

Item 12. Countering the use of information and communications technologies for criminal purposes.

Item 13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

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Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: comprehensive implementation and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

A global call for concrete action for the total elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.52/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 12 and 27 of draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.52/Rev.1 the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to establish a permanent forum on people of African descent which will serve as a consultation mechanism for People of African Descent and other interested stakeholders as a platform for improving the quality of life and livelihoods of People of African Descent and to contribute to elaborate a United Nations declaration, which is the first step towards a legally binding instrument, on the promotion of and full respect for human rights of people of African descent; and that the modalities, format, substantive and procedural aspects of the permanent forum will be concluded by Member States and Observer States, with further consultations with People of African Descent;

(b) Request the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Human Rights Council to continue to convene annual commemorative meetings of

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the Assembly and the Council during the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, with the appropriate focus and themes, and to hold a debate on the mitigation and countering of rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies, with the participation of the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, and in this context encourages the participation of eminent personalities active in the struggle against racial discrimination, Member States and civil society organizations in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Assembly and the Council, respectively.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the periods 2018–2019 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 20, Human rights, programme 24 Public information, and programme 25 Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the periods 2018–2019.

3. They also relate to section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 24, Human rights, Section 28, Public information, and Section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

4. Pursuant to the requests contained in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the following activities would be conducted:

(a) A one-day consultation meeting in 2019 to be held in Geneva, prior to the first meeting of the permanent forum on people of African descent, consisting of two sessions with interpretation in all six languages on the modalities of the permanent forum, and involving 25 members of civil society of people of African descent from five different regions, one representative of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, one Special Rapporteur, one representative of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts, and one representative of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

(b) An annual meeting of the permanent forum on people of African descent for three working days with interpretation in all six languages, alternating annually between Geneva and New York, starting with the first meeting in Geneva in 2019.

5. The above activities would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management starting in 2019.

6. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload of the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management, as follows:

(a) For the one-day consultation meeting, two pre-session documents, one in-session document, and one post-session document in 2019;

(b) For the annual meeting of the permanent forum, two pre-session documents and one post-session documents, starting in 2019.

7. With regard to operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, it would be necessary to redesign and maintain the website currently dedicated to the International Decade for People of African Descent, which will serve as a platform to support the permanent forum on people of African descent.

8. The implementation of operative paragraph 27 of the draft resolution would include a debate in 2019, with the participation of three eminent personalities, on the mitigation of rising nationalist populism and extreme supremacist ideologies, to take place in New York during the General Assembly.

IV. Estimated resource requirements

A. Conference-servicing requirements

Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management

9. Pursuant to operative paragraph 12, the following resources would be required:

(a) One-time resources in 2019 in the amount of $40,900 to provide for conference services for the one-day consultation meeting on the modalities of the permanent forum on people of African descent;

(b) Recurrent resources in the amount of $85,600 in odd years, starting in 2019, and $79,700 in even years, starting in 2020, to provide for conference services for the annual meetings of the permanent forum on people of African descent for three working days each year, alternating between Geneva and New York starting with the first meeting in Geneva in 2019. Existing provisions in the amount of $8,900 is included in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019.

Section 29F, Administration, Geneva

10. With regard to implementation of operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, resource requirements in the amount of $2,100 would arise biennially, starting 2019, related to sound technician and recording services for the permanent forum on people of African descent held in Geneva, for which existing provision is already included in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. In addition, one-time additional requirements of $700 would be needed in 2019 related to sound technician and recording services during the consultation meeting.

B. Non-conference-servicing requirements

Section 24, Human rights

Posts

11. To implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, it is estimated that additional post resources will be required for the establishment of 1 new established post, Human Rights Officer (P-4), effective 1 January 2019, to serve as the secretary of the permanent forum on people of African descent ($102,000). As Secretary to the Forum, the incumbent would:

(a) Ensure the overall guidance, organisation and coordination of the activities of the permanent forum with the view to providing a platform for improving the quality of life and livelihoods for people of African descent;

(b) Substantively contribute to the elaboration of a legally binding instrument on the promotion and full respect of human rights of people of African descent,

including by providing expert advice and recommendations aimed at addressing all scourges of racism confronted by people of African descent in the diaspora;

(c) Identify and analyse best practices, challenges, opportunities and initiatives for the further implementation of the provisions of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action relevant to people of African descent;

(d) Prepare and disseminate information on issues related to people of African descent;

(e) Contribute to raising awareness and promote the integration and coordination of activities relating to people of African descent within the United Nations system.

General temporary assistance

12. To implement the requests contained in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, General temporary assistance at the General Service (Other level) for six months would be required annually to assist with the organisation of the annual permanent forum on people of African descent and with the initial one-day consultation ($62,100).

Travel of representatives and travel of participants

13. Pursuant to paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, the following additional resources would also be required:

(a) One-time resources in the amount of $116,200 would be needed, comprising travel of participants ($93,900) and travel of representatives ($22,300), for the one-day consultation meeting in 2019 on the modalities of the permanent forum on people of African descent, including 25 members of civil society of people of African descent from five different regions, one Special Rapporteur, one representative of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, one representative of the Group of Independent Eminent Experts and one representative of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination;

(b) Annual requirements would arise in the amount of $161,900, comprising travel of participants ($135,300) and travel of representatives ($26,600), to the annual permanent forum on people of African descent, including 25 members of civil society of people of African descent from different regions, one Independent Eminent Expert and one representative of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, in addition to the participation of 5 experts, one Special Rapporteur and one member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination that was previously approved under resolution 69/16. A provision of $35,900 already exists in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 in relation to resolution 69/16, thus, the additional resource requirements for the biennium 2018–2019 would be $126,000.

14. To implement the request contained in operative paragraph 27 of the draft resolution, additional one-time requirements would be required for travel of three eminent personalities to participate in the debate in relation to the commemoration of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in New York during the General Assembly ($17,400).

Travel of staff

15. To implement the request contained in operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, travel of two staff members ($11,300) from Geneva to New York would be needed on a biennial basis for the meeting of the permanent forum on people of

African descent in New York, for six days, including three days for meeting preparation and three days for the Forum (starting in 2020 and for every even year thereafter).

Section 28, Public information

16. Pursuant to operative paragraph 12 of the draft resolution, it would be necessary to implement redesign and revamping of the website, including necessary coding, updating the site map, menus and layouts, and curating and uploading content such as text, links and multimedia, for an estimated one-time provision of $21,000. Additionally, a recurrent provision of $6,700 would be required annually for the maintenance of the website in six languages, for which provision already exists in the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 related to General Assembly resolution 69/16.

17. Therefore, to implement the requests contained in paragraphs 12 and 27 of the draft resolution, additional requirements in the amount of $563,000 would arise, including $117,600 ($76,700 recurrent and $40,900 non-recurrent) under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $423,700 ($290,100 recurrent and $133,600 non-recurrent) under section 21, Human rights, $21,000 (non-recurrent) under section 28, Public information, and $700 (non-recurrent) under section 29F Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019. The details of these additional requirements are provided in the table below.

Table
Resource requirements
(United States dollars)

	Total requirements for 2019	*Included in the 2018–2019 budget*	*Additional requirements for 2018–2019 budget*	*Requirements for 2020 and every even year thereafter*	*Requirements for 2021 and every odd year thereafter*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management					
Simultaneous interpretation	65 300	8 900	56 400	50 400	52 800
Pre-session documentation	17 400	–	17 400	3 300	3 700
In-session documentation	400	–	400	–	–
Post-session documentation	43 400	–	43 400	26 000	29 100
Subtotal, section 2	**126 500**	**8 900**	**117 600**	**79 700**	**85 600**
Section 24, Human rights					
Posts	102 000	–	102 000	180 400[a]	180 400
General temporary assistance	62 100	–	62 100	62 100	62 100
Travel of representatives, annual permanent forum on people of African descent	26 600	13 300	13 300	26 600	26 600
Travel of representatives, consultation meeting	22 300	–	22 300	–	–
Travel of representatives, debate in Geneva	17 400	–	17 400	–	–
Travel of staff to New York (every second year, starting 2020)	–	–	–	11 300	–

	Total requirements for 2019	*Included in the 2018–2019 budget*	*Additional requirements for 2018–2019 budget*	*Requirements for 2020 and every even year thereafter*	*Requirements for 2021 and every odd year thereafter*
Grants and contributions/travel of meeting participants, annual permanent forum on people of African descent	135 300	22 600	112 700	135 300	135 300
Grants and contributions/travel of meeting participants, consultation meeting	93 900	–	93 900	–	–
Subtotal, section 24	**459 600**	**35 900**	**423 700**	**415 700**	**404 400**
Section 28, Public information					
Website redesign (one-time)	21 000	–	21 000	–	–
Website maintenance (recurrent)	6 700	6 700	–	6 700	6 700
Subtotal, section 28	**27 700**	**6 700**	**21 000**	**6 700**	**6 700**
Section 29F, Administration, Geneva					
Sound technical and recording services, annual permanent forum on people of African descent	2 100	2 100	–	2 100	2 100
Sound technical and recording services, consultation meeting	700	–	700	–	–
Subtotal, section 29F	**2 800**	**2 100**	**700**	**2 100**	**2 100**
Total	**616 600**	**53,600**	**563 000**	**504 200**	**498 800**

[a] Taking into account the technical adjustment for the full annual provision for the new P-4 post established in 2019.

V. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2018–2019

18. The programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 includes existing provisions related to the annual three-day forum for people of African descent under General Assembly resolution 69/16 in the amount of $53,600, comprising $8,900 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $35,900 under section 24, Human Rights, $6,700 under section 28, Public information, and $2,100 under Section 29F, Administration, Geneva.

19. With respect to the additional requirements for the biennium 2018–2019, it is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that additional resources in the amount of $563,000 ($366,800 recurrent and $196,200 non-recurrent) be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019.

20. The resource requirements related to the next budget periods, as detailed in the table above, would be included in the proposed programme budgets for the respective years.

VI. Contingency fund

21. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to

accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VII. Conclusion and action requested of the General Assembly

22. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.3/73/L.52/Rev.1, additional resource requirements in the amount of $563,000 ($366,800 recurrent and $196,200 non-recurrent) would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, including $117,600 ($76,700 recurrent and $40,900 non-recurrent) under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, $423,700 ($290,100 recurrent and $133,600 non-recurrent) under section 24, Human rights, $21,000 (non-recurrent) under section 28, Public information, and $700 (non-recurrent) under section 29F Administration, Geneva. The amount of $563,000 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2018–2019 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

23. **The General Assembly would also be requested to approve the establishment of 1 P-4 post under section 24, Human rights, effective 1 January 2019.**

24. **In addition, an amount of $11,000 would also be required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2018–2019, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment.**